

# Master of Science in Public Policy and Management



Carnegie Mellon University's **Master of Science in Public Policy and Management (MSPPM)** program prepares students to advance the public interest by developing exceptional analytic, quantitative and technical skills. With courses covering policy analysis, financial management and analysis, project management, and information technology, the program provides market oriented training that is applicable to any policy field in the public, non-profit and private sectors.

This unique and distinguished program focuses on:

- Skills**            Graduates will understand how to analyse data and make effective management decisions using strong quantitative, technical and problem-solving tools.
- Efficiency**       Graduates will be able to solve complex problems using fewer resources; using technology to work smarter.
- Leadership**      Graduates will be strategic thinkers with a solid foundation in project management.
- Creativity**        Graduates will look beyond traditional paradigms; looking instead to non-traditional, path-breaking solutions.
- Real world experience**   Graduates will quickly put newly gained skills into action; the curriculum experience includes practical application of tools through internships and project work.

## A RENOWNED UNIVERSITY WORLDWIDE

Carnegie Mellon University is ranked as one of the top 50 universities internationally and many of our degree programs are ranked top in their fields. The Heinz College is ranked among the top ten public policy schools and ranked first in the area of information technology. With alumni world-wide, the university's network spans organizations on every continent. Graduates of our programs have access to these professionals and current students have opportunities for mentoring relationships and internships.

Additionally, students are able to take advantage of the formal exchange program between the US and the Australian campus and to benefit from a US degree that is accredited in both countries and is recognized internationally as representing the highest academic standards.

With small class sizes and international faculty, students enjoy individual attention and a global perspective on their studies. Working with staff and faculty from across the world opens students to alternative ideas and ways of thinking which is transformed to their work environment.

## A TOP RANKED AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN AUSTRALIA

The Asia/Pacific branch of the Heinz College is located in Adelaide, the capital of South Australia, which provides distinct advantages for students wishing to obtain a Carnegie Mellon degree in a location outside the United States.

South Australia provides an affordable, dynamic, diverse environment in which to live and study. The state is home to numerous small and mid-sized businesses and to the largest concentration of the Commonwealth's defence industry. These organizations are actively seeking to employ talented professionals. In fact, South Australia provides a migration advantage to individuals who want to live in Australia.

The Heinz College is located in Victoria Square, in the city's central business district. Home to three other large universities, numerous cultural venues and affordable restaurants, Adelaide has a warm and sunny climate. The beach is 20 minutes away by public transportation and South Australia's wine country is an hour away. Students will find many activities to occupy the time they are not studying!

## MSPPM SAMPLE ONE-YEAR TRACK CURRICULUM FOR ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO	SEMESTER THREE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applied Economic Analysis I</li> <li>• Empirical Methods for Public Policy and Management</li> <li>• Policy Analysis I</li> <li>• Strategic Planning</li> <li>• Information Technology for Public Policy and Management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applied Economic Analysis II</li> <li>• Financial Analysis</li> <li>• Program Evaluation</li> <li>• Decision Making Under Uncertainty</li> <li>• Policy Seminar</li> <li>• Project Management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy Analysis II</li> <li>• Cost Benefit Analysis</li> <li>• Ethics and Public Policy</li> <li>• Systems Synthesis</li> </ul>

## AUGMENTED BY ELECTIVES FROM THE FOLLOWING

- Financial Management
- Ethics & Public Policy
- International Development
- Strategic Writing Skills
- Strategic Presentation Skills
- Introduction to Geographic Information Systems

## Internships

Internships are compulsory for students doing the MSPPM 21 month program (Minimum of 7 weeks) and optional for all other students. Students conducting compulsory internships will usually do them in the 3rd Semester of their first year. Students doing optional internships will usually undertake them during December/January. Internships are completed in a variety of organisations including Government, not for profit and private institutions.

## \*Exchange Program

Students are able to take advantage of the formal exchange program between the US and the Australian campus. Students enrolled in the MSPPM Program in Adelaide have the opportunity to undertake one semester of study at the Heinz College campus in the United States.  
(\*subject to approval)

## Systems Synthesis Project

The capstone experience at the Heinz College is the systems synthesis project. Students propose a project, frame the problem, conduct the analysis, make recommendations and present their findings - a true, real world application of skills. This course embraces four educational goals that "synthesize" the Heinz College experience and apply it to the analysis of complex public policy issues:

- Develop problem structuring and solving skills;
- Develop project management, teamwork, and communication skills;
- Provide a capstone experience that integrates and synthesizes "core" coursework;
- Provide a "real world" organizational experience.

The projects change every year, but the intent remains the same—utilizing skills developed at the Heinz College to tackle a real public interest problem. "Very few public policy schools offer this type of experience - structuring a real-world problem and developing a solution. It also is a great way for students to develop team and consensus building skills that are so critical to their future success," said Heinz College Associate Dean Brenda Peyser. Our students and faculty have contributed thousands of hours of service to the community through systems projects every year!

## Length of Program

The degree requires the completion of the equivalent of twelve full-semester classes. Full-time students will be able to complete the degree in one year.

## Scholarships and Financial Aid

Numerous scholarships are available and approximately 85% of our students receive support. U.S. citizens who are eligible for federal loans may use their funding to attend the Heinz College in Australia.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for admissions to the MSPPM Program, students must have a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited University or College.

A complete application for admissions will include:

- A complete online application form ([www.cmu.edu.au/apply](http://www.cmu.edu.au/apply))
- Official transcripts from all colleges and Universities attended
- Official GMAT or GRE Scores
- Official IELTS score 7.0 or TOEFL equivalent for those students whose native language is NOT English
- A current resume
- A 1000-word essay describing your background and career goals
- Three online recommendations

## Application Deadlines

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September 15 <sup>th</sup>	January
March -15 <sup>th</sup>	August

(\*for specific in-take dates please refer to our website [www.heinz.cmu.edu.au](http://www.heinz.cmu.edu.au))

## Careers

MSPPM students have a wide range of options upon graduation. Graduates receive multiple job offers and are employed in a variety of jobs throughout the public, private, and non-profit sectors.

For more information contact us on: [hnzadmit-australia@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:hnzadmit-australia@andrew.cmu.edu)

Or, visit the website at [www.heinz.cmu.edu.au](http://www.heinz.cmu.edu.au)

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